GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUBSIDY ON CONSUMER ITEMS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to stop subsidy on rice, wheat and kerosene distributed through Price Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the reasons and its effect on the fate of those who are living below the poverty line?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : No decision has been taken to stop subsidy on rice, wheat and kerosene under PDS.The Government had decided in November, 1997 that subsidy on kerosene supplied under Public Distribution System (PDS) will be reduced in phases to reach the level of 33.33% of the import parity price by 2001-2002. The subsidy on kerosene will be transferred to the fiscal budget from the year 2002 onwards.